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SATURDAY, MAY 1, 1915.

**DR. McCUAIG HERE.**  
Dr. J. A. McCuaig, of New York, educational head of the National Christian League for the promotion of purity and university lecturer on eugenics, will open a campaign in Fairmont tomorrow under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association. Dr. McCuaig comes to this city highly recommended as a civic evangelist, and the record that he has made in other cities in the state and country at large is one that he might well be proud of. It is said of Dr. McCuaig that he is an excellent speaker and that his messages will be of vital interest to the citizens of Fairmont.

He is a man who has the courage of his convictions and speaks right from the shoulder. Wherever he has gone in the past his lectures have made a profound impression, and he stands ready to give the best that he has during his stay in this city.

A rumor is abroad to the effect that Dr. McCuaig and Governor Hatfield are working together in these meetings, and that Dr. McCuaig, wherever he goes in the state makes an opening for a speech by the governor at some of his meetings. This is entirely untrue, as Dr. McCuaig did not even know the governor until a week or so ago, when he met him by chance. The governor is deeply interested in the work that is being done by the civic evangelist, as he believes that Dr. McCuaig is doing a good work, but this is the extent of the relations between the two men. Governor Hatfield will not make any addresses at the meetings of Dr. McCuaig held in this city.

The citizens of Fairmont are given a cordial invitation to attend the meetings to be held during the next week or ten days, and Dr. McCuaig has promised that none who come to hear him shall go away disappointed.

**CANADIANS' VALOR.**

The high-spirited Canadian troops have at last received their baptism of blood and death, and have won for themselves and their country the encomiums of the British commanders. No one doubted that this would be the result when the young soldiers from the Land of the Snows finally got their chance.

The Canadians were at first a puzzle to the British people. Military men commented rather patronizingly upon their "boyish love of fun," their "youthful unrestraint," and their utter lack of that humility before rank which is characteristic of the continental soldier. But in the blighting test of one of the hottest battles of the war they made good.

This war has proven that courage is the common characteristic of all armies. The only difference seems to be in the methods by which it is displayed. As to the Canadians, they seem to possess not only the dash, but the steadiness and the obstinacy of their older brothers and enemies in arms. There is glory enough along the Yser for all, and no one will begrudge the Canadians the portion which they have earned at such frightful cost in priceless young lives.—Cincinnati Times-Star.

**THE PSYCHOLOGY OF NEWS.**

"Psychology" is a much abused word, but it has been almost restored to respectability by the way in which the American public has received war news.

The comparative manner in which

the news of the arrival of the Prinz Friedrich Eitel and then of the Kronprinz Wilhelm was received is a case in point. When the Eitel came into Newport News the whole nation was agog. Of course, the Eitel had to its credit the sinking of the William P. Frye, but aside from that incident the American public was intensely interested in the ship's subsequent career. The fact that the raider had taken on beer and coal was flashed feverishly from the ship's dock. Smoke coming from the Eitel's funnels became a grave omen. And when the Eitel interned there was almost a feeling of disappointment. It was as if the hero of a melodrama had omitted some expected deed of valor. Immediately after the internment of the Eitel the Wilhelm limped into Newport News harbor. The raider was received calmly. The accession of a cargo of coal failed to stimulate interest. And when internment was announced, editors gave the item a laconic one-column head.

Germany has no more sea raiders. From a news viewpoint it is well. We were losing interest in them. Indeed, about all that now could rouse the American people from their news lethargy would be a great North sea battle between the two armadas, the conquest of the Dardanelles or something more sweeping and conclusive than trench warfare on the Western or Eastern battlefields. In another word, "results," as they say in business.—Cincinnati Times-Star.

**Editorial Comments on Current Subjects**

**ATTACK ON DRINK FAILS IN ENGLAND.**

Lloyd George's recommendation to parliament of a surtax on liquor containing more than seven per cent of alcohol and a government control over the retailing of alcoholic drinks in the neighborhood of the dockyards, arsenals, gun factories, etc., forms but a lame and impotent conclusion to the loudly heralded British assault on the drink evil. Yesterday in introducing his measure, which is practically an abandonment of the radical reform at first undertaken, the chancellor of the exchequer, with rather doleful humor, said: "After weeks of trying to find a solution of the question I am prepared to take a pledge never politically, to touch a drink again."—New York American.

**CAPTAIN BENSON'S NEW DETAIL.**

Captain William S. Benson, who has been appointed chief of naval operations under the law enacted by the congress at the last session, was a dark horse in the race. Rear Admiral Bradley A. Fiske had superlative qualifications for the post in the judgment of the service, but he was eliminated when he resigned under pressure the position of aide for operations, a makeshift creation of the secretary of the navy. The original choice of Mr. Daniels for the statutory office was Rear Admiral Frank P. Fletcher, who, however, seems to have insisted righteously upon enjoying his reward as commander of the Atlantic fleet.—New York Sun.

**COLLEGE EXPENSES.**

A recent issue of the Yale News gives interesting statistics, including data on expenses incurred by Yale men during their college course. The largest amount spent in one year by a single man was \$4,500, and this sum was expended during freshman year. The lowest amount spent by a freshman during the year was \$200. In the sophomore year the highest amount was \$2,500, the lowest again \$200. Junior year cost one man \$400 and another \$200. The largest amount spent in senior year was \$3,100 and the smallest \$250.—New York Times.

**YOUTH AND AGE.**

Physicians for some time have about made up their minds that the use of oxygen in lung affections of the aged is in spite of its introduction of very little service unless perhaps to prolong fading life for a few hours. It is interesting to find, then, that just at this time comes the announcement that this gas, in connection with artificial respiration, may actually be life-saving for infants just born, in whom breathing has not been established normally as yet. Youth will be served.—New York Herald.

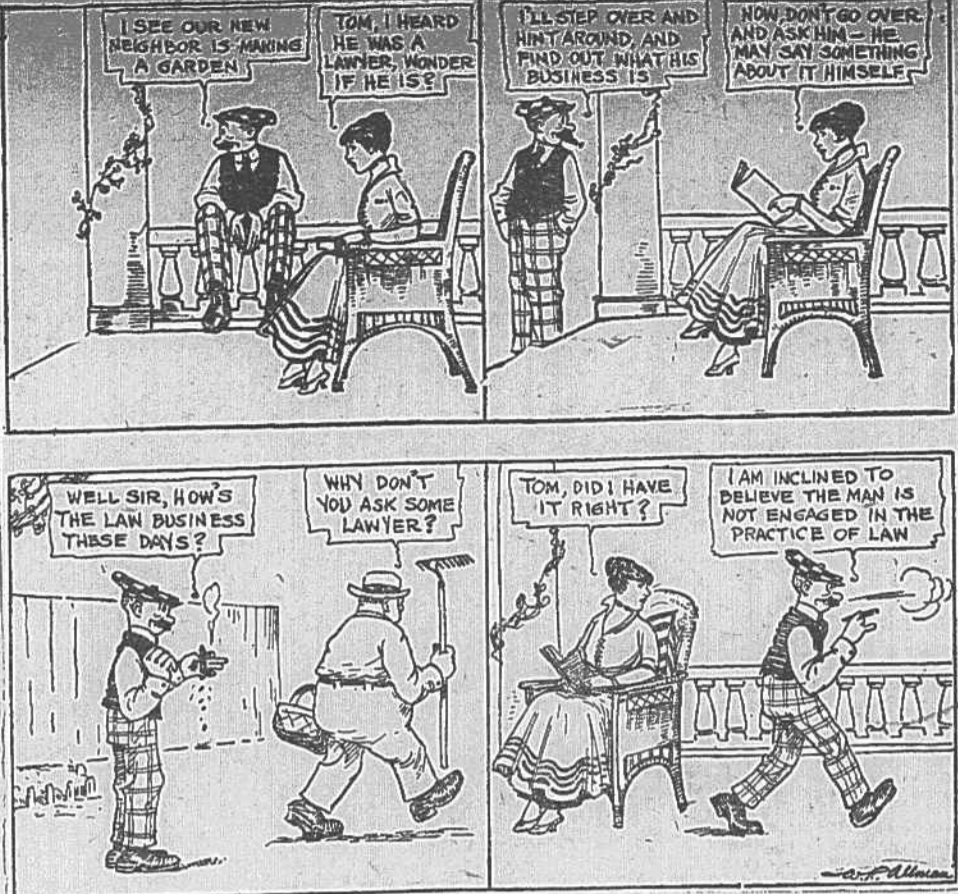
**CORRECTION.**

Through typographical error the announcement by S. J. Courtney & Son, relative to closing hours during summer months, was made to read 2 p. m. except Saturday. It should have read 5 p. m. except Saturdays.

**Chase the Gloom.**

When you happen to stumble on de country whar de gloom folks stay try ter match de sun at lookin' bright, an' Trouble'll feel so ole fashioned he'll make quick time gettin' back ter whar be come from.—Atlanta Constitution.

**GUESS IF THEY ARE MARRIED**



**WASHINGTON NEWS GOSSIP**

By Charles Brooks Smith.  
WASHINGTON, May 1.—At a dinner given at the Shorham last night three ex-commissioners of the Internal Revenue from West Virginia were among the guests of honor. The affair was planned as a sort of reunion for the former and present officials of the Internal Revenue service, and was a most enjoyable event. Those who formerly represented West Virginia as commissioners were: Senator Nathan B. Scott, Judge John W. Watson, who is here in attendance on the hearing of the Virginia Debt Case, and Joseph Miller, of Kenova, also her to look after the state's interests in the debt case.

Hon. William A. Ohley, of Charleston, Attorney John Marshall, of Parkersburg, and Owen McKinney, of Fairmont, were in Washington this week having stopped off for a few days en route to their homes from Canada where they have been on a business trip.

Mrs. C. W. Paxson, of Fairmont, who has been in Washington for some time during the illness of her husband at one of the city hospitals, has returned home. Mr. Paxson, who is postmaster at Watson, W. Va., has but, according to the physicians, his recovery, while necessarily slow, is now assured.

Congressman Neely has recommended for appointment as an inspector by the Interstate Commerce Commission J. E. Rickey, a well-known resident of Moundsville. Mr. Rickey has successfully passed his examination for the position with a rating that justifies his recommendation by Congressman Neely.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Van Rensselaer are closing their house in Sixteenth street and with their son, Rev. Stephen Van Rensselaer, and daughter, Mrs. James Carroll Frazier, will leave Washington for their summer home in West Virginia.

Hon. Isaac T. Mann is spending the week at his home in West Virginia, and will also attend the meeting of the coal operators which will be held at Huntington this week. Mrs. Mann accompanied him but will return to Washington the first of the week.

George W. Williams, of Beckley, W. Va., was this week admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States.

The following West Virginia postmasters have successfully passed their examinations and have been placed on the classified list for fourth class postmasters: George W. Riley, Augustus Frank W. Rucker, Kay Moore; Marvin R. Rutledge, Pos; Ben H. Gragg, Rackett; Stanley J. Rexroad, Burner; Walter F. Wilt, Kearneysville; Jacob D. Grace, Springfield; Ira C. Saville, Summerlee.

Presidential appointment of Joseph W. Wellman, to be postmaster at Wellsburg, W. Va., has been confirmed and Mr. Wellman has received his commission.

Mail messenger service has been ordered established for Hamlet, Raleigh county, as often as required from May 1, 1915.

Included among those placed on the classified list for fourth class postmasters for West Virginia this week were: Ephus D. Elkins, Aaron, Kanawha county; James H. Pauley, Copenhaver, Kanawha county; C. E. Lawrence, Drybranch, Kanawha county; Hazel Darnell, French Creek, Upshur county; Mrs. Amelia Kirk, Glenhays, Wayne county; Mrs. Matilda Christian Leonard, Greenbrier county; William G. Moore, London, Kanawha county.

The following changes in postmasters have been announced: the appointment of Charles E. Campbell as postmaster at Acme, Kanawha county; to succeed A. C. Little resigned; H. Cecil Peck for Crown Hill Kanawha county to succeed C. B. Stewart, resigned; Miss Nora A. Moore, for Diamond, Kanawha county, to succeed S. Moore; Horace B. Graham for Donwood, Kanawha county, to succeed William B. Phillips, resigned; Louis D. Reynolds, Elkview, Kanawha county, to succeed Geo. G. Reynolds;

Wayne Gillespie, for Fry, Kanawha county to succeed William H. Milam; Mrs. Clavia A. Comer, Garnet, Kanawha county, to succeed Joseph F. Comer; Mrs. Fernie M. Leaf, Grass Meadows, Greenbrier county, to succeed John E. Leaf; Nelson M. Patton has been appointed the first postmaster for the new office established at Guthrie, Kanawha county; Sallie A. Smith has been appointed for Mahan, Fayette county, to succeed John R. Smith; Berryman Green for Osawald, Raleigh county, to succeed C. Wilburn, resigned; G. C. Tabor, for Saxon, Raleigh county, to succeed C. W. Tabor; Lillian A. McElwain for Wainville, Webster county, to succeed B. E. Bryant; Dora M. Hurst, Masseyville, Raleigh county; Robert L. Milam, Redbird, Raleigh county; Chas. F. Monroe, Stanaford, Raleigh county; James B. Saville, whose present address is Romney, W. Va., has been appointed for the new office at Vandell, Hampshire county; John S. Williams who resides on Rural Delivery route No. 6, at Grafton, has been appointed for the new office at Wendell, Taylor county.

A marriage license was issued here today to John W. DeVebre, of Roncoverte, W. Va., and Agnes P. Biggs, of Richard, W. Va.

A suit of vital interest to numbers of West Virginians and thousands of others who hold claims against the government, for indemnities for damages during the Civil war, is involved in a suit brought in Washington this week in the district supreme court. The suit, which was filed by Mrs. Vera Terrell Harper, asks for a full 50 per cent of the claim to be paid to Mrs. Harper by the auditor of the war department, and was filed because of the enactments contained in the latest omnibus claims bill, carrying nearly \$1,000,000 in old war claims. The act had an entirely new section limiting the fees which lawyers could receive to 20 per cent of the claims, but in the case which is to be tested the attorney had received from his client a contract calling for 50 per

cent of the claim when paid. When the omnibus claims bill passed, the section limiting the fees to 20 per cent was the subject of considerable discussion among lawyers, and there has been much speculation on both sides of the question. The principle involved is an old one—can congress enact laws which will invalidate existing contracts? There is a general opinion among attorneys of prominence in the capitol, and among constitutional experts, that the 20 per cent section of the omnibus bill will not hold in court, but the outcome of this case will be watched with great interest by those who have claims against the government still pending.

**INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON**

By E. O. SELLERS, Acting Director of Sunday School Course, The Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, Ill.

**LESSON FOR MAY 2**

**SAUL TRIES TO KILL DAVID.**

LESSON TEXT—1 Samuel 19:1-12. GOLDEN TEXT—Whoso putteth his trust in the Lord shall be safe.—Prov. 29:25.

Although anointed by Samuel, victorious in arms and promoted at court, David was many years in reaching his throne. At first both court and army did him honor (ch. 18:2), yet he conducted himself with great modesty (18:18, 23). He also obeyed the king explicitly though he knew fully that he was the God-appointed successor of Saul. Escapes as wonderful and as providential as David's occur in the lives of most of us if we could but know them.

1. David and Jonathan, vv. 1-3. The story of the love of David and Jonathan is a classic. With such close family relations and a son-in-law so successful at arms it is strange that Saul's anger should vent itself upon David. At first Saul was much attached to David but the admiration of the people for David aroused his jealousy (ch. 18:9) and jealousy is pecu-

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**WHEN YOU WERE SICK SHE COOKED LITTLE Dainties, SAT AND READ TO YOU, QUOTED BITS OF SCRIPTURE AND STROKED YOUR HOT TEMPLES. TONIGHT, WHILE YOU ARE ASLEEP, SHE WILL BE UP WITH THE CHILDREN. GET OUT THOSE OLD LOVE LETTERS AND READ THE SPIRIT OF THEM, FRAGRANT AS LAVENDER. TOMORROW MORNING, WHEN THE STOVE GOES WRONG AND A HARASSING FACE GLANCES ACROSS THE TABLE, BE A LOVER ONCE MORE. PRAISE THE BREAKFAST. KISS HER GOODBY AT THE DOOR. SEE HER SMILE THROUGH THE TEARS. SHE'LL SING ALL DAY LONG. PERHAPS A YEAR FROM NOW YOU WOULD GIVE ALL YOU HAVE IN THE WORLD TO TAKE HOLD OF HER HAND, TELL HER YOU LOVE HER AND CALL HER YOUR OLD SWEETHEART. BUT, TOO LATE! SHE'S GONE FOREVER!**

Make your wife happy by GOING TO CHURCH next Sunday. GO TO CHURCH with her if possible, but GO TO CHURCH, if you have to GO TO CHURCH alone. It is in the house of God that you'll find consolation. It is there that you'll find happiness. It is there that you will be instilled with courage to fight the battle of life. Make your wife feel happy. Be happy yourself. GO TO CHURCH.

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Early a soldier's disease. The slave of jealousy never has peace. As sin and disobedience developed in his life Saul became subject to fits of insane rage during one of which, as David played upon his harp and endeavored to quiet the monarch's spirit, he hurled a javelin, which served as his scepter, at the harpist (ch. 19:10). Saul felt that David was divinely protected and he knew that God had departed from his own life (15:28; 16:14). Saul did not keep his grief and rage to himself for Jonathan and the nation alike knew all about it.

II. Saul and Jonathan, vv. 4-7. It took courage and self-sacrifice on Jonathan's part to speak on behalf of David. Prudence and principle are combined in Jonathan's plea. Those who envy include in their hate and anger all who speak kindly in behalf of their enemy. But Jonathan's argument (vv. 4, 5) is unanswerable. David had not sinned against Saul; it was Jehovah who "wrought a great salvation for all Israel" on the day David took his life in his hand and overcame Goliath. Jonathan pleads for God as well as for his friend. He called to Saul's memory his former joy at seeing Jehovah's victory through David and for the time being Saul was persuaded (v. 6) and made another of those impetuous promises which proved so fleeting. Ushered by Jonathan (Matt. 5:9) David returned to Saul's presence, entered once more upon the discharge of his duties and desisted only when he saw that his presence only aggravated the king and that he was uselessly exposing his life in Saul's presence. David was faithful to God and to God's anointed king.

III. Michal and David, vv. 8-12. Saul's hatred was too deep to be permanently overcome. David went out and won a great victory over the Philistines and as he followed his courtly duty, Saul burst out with a fresh attack (vv. 8, 9). David had married Michal when about twenty-one years of age and Saul's attacks occurred during the next three years. The evil spirit mentioned was a demon (18:10;

Acts 16:16-18; Mark 1:23-26), a messenger of Satan permitted by God for Saul's discipline (II Cor. 12:7). God permits evil to come upon men not to tempt them—solicit them to do wrong—but to bring them to repentance or to refine them as pure gold. Thus evil may be said to do God's work (ch. 4:1) "to be sent from Jehovah."

IV. Summary. All who envy are murderers at heart (Matt. 27:18; I John 3:12, 15). The present day murderers hurl their javelins of slander, lying and vituperation against the reputation of the men whom they hate. Or else they hurl unfair and unjust business methods at others that they may perpetuate their power or else build themselves up upon the ruins of those whom they envy. Saul missed David but he was no less a murderer. Satan always overshoots the mark when he assails one of God's anointed, chosen ones. Saul could not harm David though he wished to ever so much (Ps. 37:32, 33; Isa. 54:17; Luke 4:30; 10:39). Saul's hatred stopped not even at the threshold of David's house but he invaded the sacred precincts of his home. Envy is blind, it assails all whom he is connected and colors every act and relation of life even to the relations of father and child. Saul was frustrated by his own children, Jonathan and Michal. David's danger was imminent, hence his speedy escape.

Men are strong in so far as they see God's purpose and discipline in their lives.

Saul's experience at Naioth (vv. 23, 24) was a response of his emotional nature to a religious appeal, another time when God was waiting to be gracious.

Divested of his armor and outer robes Saul lay in a trance, overcome by the power of him who turns the hearts of men as rivers of water.

The wrath of man is made to praise him, the life of the prophet is preserved and likewise the life of his servant David.

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The farmer speaks in heated terms of woes that dog his feet; for fifty million bugs and worms will spoil his corn and wheat. And when he's tired of using words which taint the passing breeze, he gets his gun and shoots some birds, which lived in yonder trees. The farmer keeps a score of cats, and gives them milk and curds, supposing they'll all up on rats—but they are after birds! The birds are death to worms and bugs which decimate the crops, and yet they're killed with cats and drugs, and guns—it never stops. The farmer slays his fairest friend, the bird in wet elm tree, then says, "Alas, there is no end to pests that ruin me!" His righteous heart within him aches, the gophers are so thick, so he pursues a dozen snakes, and kills them with a brick. Yet snakes devour the noxious pest that brings the farmer loss; they swallow mice with eager bait, and ask imported sauce. The husbandman, the man of woes, would have less cause to groan, if he would only kill his foes, and leave his friends alone.